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RICHARD M. NIXON ARRIVES AT AIRPORT
All-Day Visit.—Staff Photo by Ryan Sanders.

'FEW TRUE SECRETS'

Nixon Declines
Johnson Briefings

By DOUG WALKER, Daily News Staff Writer

Richard M. Nixon told a Dayton press conference today he will not accept President Johnson's offer to brief potential Republican presidential nominees on classified security information from the CIA and State department.

My answer is "No," Nixon said "because of the open character of our society there is little truly secret information."

He said secret information that is widely disseminated isn't worth much and if it is, it should not be given out.

AFTER REPUBLICANS nominate their candidate in San Francisco, some briefing agreement should be worked out between the nominee and the President Nixon said.

Nixon came to Dayton to address a glittering array of Republicans who paid \$100 each to eat roast round of choice beef and whoop it up for the Republican cause.

Goal for the fund-raising dinner is 2,000 persons, and organizers said it is a sell-out.

FROM EACH \$100 ticket, the party should net \$90 for its campaign war bag.

The 7 p.m. dinner was scheduled at Wampler's ball-arena. Asked if Mr. Johnson will sustain his popularity, Nixon said if he does, "It will be a modern political miracle and a major disaster for the Republican party and for the country."

It is essential, he continued, that each four years the country have a highly critical re-examination of its government.

MR. JOHNSON'S popularity was partly attributed by the former presidential candidate to his political mastery. Mr. Johnson's pitfall will be, not in what he says, but on the major issues, Nixon declared.

His banquet speech tonight will be aimed at that group in the Republican party that is ready to throw in the towel before the race begins, he said.

Cuba, prestige and unemployment were identified by Nixon as three big issues of the campaign. "We are worse off today in all three than we were in 1960," he asserted.

ASKED ABOUT his role in the coming months, he first said it will be determined by the convention, then added that he will be a major speaker for the Republican cause.

A reporter at the press conference asked Nixon if Henry Cabot Lodge, the vice presidential nominee four years ago, "dogged it" during that campaign.

Nixon said he takes full responsibility for losing the 1960 election, adding, "Other mistakes are small compared to

those of the presidential candidate."

IF BARRY GOLDWATER wins in California, he could rally enough support to have the nomination sewn up before the convention begins, Nixon said. A Goldwater victory in California would either give that candidate the nomination or put Goldwater in a position to influence who the candidate will be.

Nixon, who practices law in New York and has just returned from South Vietnam, reiterated that the war is being lost and cannot be won if it is confined to South Vietnam.

"The war in Vietnam cannot be won and at the same time allow the Communist Vietnamese to have a sanctuary in North Vietnam and Laos as well," he added.

FOLLOWING THE press conference a luncheon was scheduled with Ray Bliss, Republican state chairman; Howard Young, Montgomery county GOP chairman; H. Richard P. Niehoff, state GOP finance chairman; Albert Polk, Montgomery county finance chairman; Mrs. Katherine Kennedy Brown, national committeewoman from Ohio; and Gwen Kline, Montgomery county chairwoman.

An "invitation only" reception for Nixon is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the Junior ballroom at the Biltmore. The reception sponsored by the state finance committee.

Republicans could clear as much as \$180,000 on the sold-out banquet. The money will be divided among the national, state and county Republican organizations.

FIFTEEN COUNTIES will participate in the dinner, which is billed as the west-central Ohio Republican victory dinner.

Former U.S. Sen. John W. Bricker will be toastmaster. Invitations were sent to area congressmen, including Clarence J. Brown, William H. Harsha, William M. McCulloch and Paul F. Schenck.